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In the East Berlin Neues Stadthaus, the conference was concerned with the organization of a so-called "patriotic offensive" designed to promote the objectives of the Berlin conference of the Big Four.

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Guernhergermeister of East Berlin and first secretary of the SED organization preparations for a national conference of the SED scheduled to be held in late March. At this conference, the SED was to be renamed "National Party of Germany". [] the mass demonstrations planned to be held by delegates from all over East Germany prior to and during the Berlin conference would not take place, because the international negotiations were to be conducted in a calm atmosphere.

pre-Christmas week, a demonstration of the unemployed. The Neue Deutschland newspaper had to go out of its way to make these demonstrations appear as the machinations of Western agents.

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2. [redacted] the SED Central Committee established an "All-German Department" which was assigned the mission to coordinate all activities planned in connection with the Berlin conference. This department is headed by Willy Perk, who, previously, headed the West German Division of the State Radio Committee.

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It is believed that no definite decisions have been taken yet. However, such plans may be under consideration, because a new innocuous name for the SED may have the effect of making the party more acceptable in the eyes of the West and the East German population. That the Soviet High Commissioner declared himself against all mass demonstrations in West Berlin during the conference of the Big Four is sufficiently known from press reports.

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